

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Restrictions on Export of India's Poultry Products

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kuwait has restricted import of poultry products from India due to fear of them being infected with Bird Flu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the expected decrease in India's export of poultry products as well as likely revenue loss as a result thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is in talks with the Government of Kuwait to resolve the issue and allow regular export of products and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to overcome the reasons preventing export and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. In the wake of incidence of outbreak of bird flu in Tripura on 4th January, 2016, Government of Kuwait has imposed a ban on import of poultry products from India. The export of poultry products to Kuwait during December 2015 was US \$ 0.05 Million (Rs.0.33 Crore) and during January, 2016 and February, 2016 the figures were US \$ 0.10 Million (Rs.0.65 Crore) and US \$ 0.03 Million (Rs.0.17 Crore) respectively.

(c) & (d): Information is being shared to sensitize the importing countries that establishment based compartmentalization is possible in India and the same may be considered for import of poultry products from India. Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture is the authority for approving the compartments having the requisite bio-security measures.
